

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Special/Emergency Meeting #289

Thursday, August 25, 2011

7:00 PM

Media Center

Wachusett Regional High School

1401 Main Street, Holden

Committee Members Present:

Duncan Leith, Chair

Joseph Sova, Vice-chair

Cynthia Bazinet

William Clute

Kristine Goodwin

Robert Imber

Stacey Jackson

Julianne Kelley

James Mason

Robert Pelczarski (7:17 PM)

Norman Plourde

Robert Remillard

Michelle Sciabarrasi

Athas Tsongalis

Margaret Watson

Committee Members Absent:

Carmelo Bazzano

Colleen Cipro

Steven Hammond

Lance Harris

Dawn Torres-Gale

*Administration Present:*

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Superintendent of Schools

Peter Brennan, Business Manager

Darryll McCall, Director of Operations

Susan Sullivan, Director of Human Resources

Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

*Presenters:*

Chuck Klingler, Environmental Compliance Services, Inc. (ECS)

Robert Palermo, Environmental Compliance Services, Inc. (ECS)

Chair Leith called the meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:10 PM. He announced the meeting was not being televised and asked that because microphones were not being used that speakers speak loudly and clearly so all in attendance could hear. Chair Leith explained the only agenda item for this meeting is the Thomas Prince School. Members were provided with an agenda and a packet of information and materials (attachments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5). Chair Leith then turned the meeting over to Superintendent Pandiscio.

Superintendent Pandiscio apologized for being late, explaining he had just come from a meeting in Princeton at Thomas Prince School, a meeting that included a representative

from EPA and others to discuss what measures will be taken to remediate the PCB problem at the school. The Superintendent gave a brief timeline of what has taken place leading up to this School Committee meeting. Superintendent Pandiscio introduced Chuck Klingler and Robert Palermo of ECS. Mr. Palermo spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, giving background information about PCBs and what ECS is recommending be done to mitigate the problem (attachment 6).

7:17 PM Member Pelczarski joined the meeting.

Following Mr. Palermo's explanations, Superintendent Pandiscio spoke to the PowerPoint slides that dealt with the District's educational plan, transportation plan, after school program that will be available to TPS students at Glenwood Elementary School, and provisions for TPS students grades K-2 and 6-8.

At the conclusion of Superintendent Pandiscio's and Messrs. Palermo's and Klingler's presentations, Chair Leith opened the floor to questions from School Committee members and Town of Princeton officials, who were sitting at the table. Chair Leith told those in the audience they would have the opportunity to ask questions after the School Committee and town officials. Many School Committee members asked questions, which were answered by Superintendent Pandiscio or the ECS representatives.

8:30 PM Member Clute left the table.

Superintendent Pandiscio announced there would be an informational meeting on Friday, August 26, 2011, at 4:00 PM in the Media Center at WRHS. He also announced that Glenwood Elementary School would host an open house for Thomas Prince School students and parents; that open house is planned for Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM at the Rutland school.

8:32 PM Member Clute returned to the table.

Princeton Town Manager John Lebeaux introduced the Princeton town officials seating at the table: Selectboard members Edith Morgan and Stanley Moss; Board of Health members James Hillis and Gregory Dowdy; Building Inspector John Wilson. Some town officials had questions, which were discussed and answered.

Motion: To approve the assignment of students, enrolled at Thomas Prince School, Princeton, Massachusetts, to Glenwood Elementary School, Rutland, Massachusetts, as authorized by Section 11.3 of the Wachusett Regional School District Regional Agreement.

(M. Watson)  
(R. Imber)

A friendly amendment to the motion on the floor was made by Member Goodwin and seconded by Member Imber; the friendly amendment is to add the following: "in grades 3, 4, & 5 and in the TPS Developmentally Delayed classroom". This friendly amendment was accepted by the maker of the motion.

Motion: To approve the assignment of students, enrolled in grades 3, 4, & 5 and in the Developmentally Delayed classroom at Thomas Prince School, Princeton, Massachusetts, to Glenwood Elementary School, Rutland, Massachusetts, as authorized by Section 11.3 of the Wachusett Regional School District Regional Agreement.

(M. Watson)

(R. Imber)

Roll call vote:

*In favor:*

Duncan Leith  
Joseph Sova  
Cynthia Bazinet  
William Clute  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
James Mason  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde  
Robert Remillard  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Athas Tsongalis  
Margaret Watson

*Opposed:*

None

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To adjourn.

(A. Tsongalis)

(M. Sciabarrasi)

Vote:

*In favor:*

Duncan Leith  
Joseph Sova  
Cynthia Bazinet  
William Clute  
Kristine Goodwin  
Robert Imber  
Stacey Jackson  
Julianne Kelley  
James Mason  
Robert Pelczarski  
Norman Plourde

Robert Remillard  
Michelle Sciabarrasi  
Margaret Watson  
Athas Tsongalis

*Opposed:*  
None

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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